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LAW IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Circuit Court Not Tribunal for Insanity Inquiry, Judge Holds.

Circuit Judge Hough yesterday declared the law of 1902 requiring that the investigation of the sanity of a person without property be made in the Circuit Court to be unconstitutional. He dismissed the application of Mrs. Elizabeth Scherr to have the sanity of her husband, George, inquired into, stating that under the Constitution the Probate Court has continuance of the matter. The Scherr case was the first brought under the new law.

NOTICE.
Marriage and Death Notices inserted in the Republic will be forwarded by telegraph to any one or all of the papers named below for simultaneous publication, without extra charge, if a request to do so is made at the time of the insertion. After midnight cannot be forwarded, however, until the next evening.
Chicago Rec. Herald, Buffalo Courier, New York Times, Cincinnati Enquirer, Pittsburgh Dispatch, Baltimore Herald, Washington Post, Minneapolis Tribune, St. Paul Pioneer Press, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Syracuse Post-Standard.

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DEATHS.

GILBERT.—On Wednesday, December 21, 1904, at 4:30 p. m., Mary L. Gilbert, at the age of 71 years; months and 4 days. Funeral Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from residence of John L. Gilbert, 615 1/2 Elm avenue, to Zion Cemetery.

HAUTPENN.—Entered into rest on Wednesday morning, December 21, 1904, at 7:45 o'clock. Funeral Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from residence of John L. Gilbert, 615 1/2 Elm avenue, to Zion Cemetery.

HARRISON.—On Wednesday, December 21, 1904, at 1:30 p. m., James Harrison, beloved husband of Mrs. James Harrison, died at his residence, 1215 North 10th street, at the age of 62 years.

KANE.—On Wednesday, December 21, 1904, at 1:30 p. m., Nora Kane, aged 32 years, beloved daughter of the late Patrick and Johanna Kane, died at her residence, 1215 North 10th street, at the age of 32 years.

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KNOX.—Entered into rest on Tuesday, December 20, 1904, at 1:30 p. m., after a brief illness, Mrs. Agnes Knox (nee Pugh), wife of John Knox, died at her residence, 1215 North 10th street, at the age of 62 years.

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BOLSTERING FRONT FOR TEST TO-NIGHT

Suspended Butler Committee-men May Make Covert Threats in Lieu of Defense.

RUMORS OF A RIVAL CLUB.

Plan May Be to Try to Intimidate Governing Body by Hints of Two City Tickets Next Spring.

Just what kind of a defense the suspended Butler committee-men will make before the City Central Committee at the Jefferson Club to-night, when the charges of treason during the last campaign will be heard, is a matter of some interest. From the interviews obtained yesterday and the rumors that traveled the rounds, the indications are that the committee-men will make a "covert" threat with hints of things that may happen if a deep impression will be left on the governing Democratic body.

Butler and early yesterday morning the whisperings of a new organization to rival the Jefferson Club were heard, and later this was supplemented with talks about the probability of two city tickets in the next year being split, the Democratic ticket, 1904, emanated from Butler quarters.

According to report, the new club will be organized about January 15, in time to begin operations for the spring campaign. It is understood that one of the by-laws will be that no city employees or police-men shall be entitled to membership.

All of this is intended to have its effect to-night when the four Butler committee-men will be asked to show why their suspension from the city organization should not be made permanent. It is pretty well understood that unless valid cause can be shown for their actions during the last campaign, that twenty-two votes will be cast against them. In lieu of convincing arguments, it is said, some promises for the future may be sprung.

The committee-men who voted to suspend the four Butler adherents, according to reports yesterday, were taking all of the interviews and rumors calmly and were standing pat on their original alternative of good defense or complete outlawing.

NOT GOING TO BACK DOWN.

"We are not going to back down after having started the work," said one, "and evidence must be produced which will vindicate the suspended committee-men or we will go ahead with two city tickets and rival clubs will not deter the punishment which I think is due if it is found that the charges are true."

Since it became fully known that a show-up was inevitable, talks of "harmony" have slipped out at different places where it was said that party allegiance was not lived up to during the campaign. In fact, yesterday, the "exterminating business" would mean ruin to the party, and would be left to the Republicans in the City Hall next spring.

Not a few of the Democratic politicians took a hard fight at the polls, but one who pressed it in that way was left to be fighting them out in the open than have them fighting you under cover.

James Campbell is credited by Ed Butler, in a reported interview yesterday, as raising \$2500 for Harry H. Hawes, gubernatorial candidate, who was defeated by Mr. Hawes, who stated that, while Mr. Campbell did contribute like many others, the amount was not \$2500. He said that he could not recall how much Mr. Campbell did furnish, but that the Butler figure was greatly exaggerated.

"Recital Friday Evening."
Miss Grace (Chamberlain) of Boston will give a recital at the United Avenue Methodist Church under the auspices of the King's Daughters, Friday evening, January 1, 1905. The subject will be "The King's Daughters." An admission of \$1 will be charged.

PORTLAND INVITES FRANCIS.
Two Requests Extended That He Attend Opening of Exposition.

Two invitations have been extended to President Francis, according to a special dispatch to The Republic from Portland, Ore., to be a guest of honor at the opening day ceremonies of the Lewis and Clark Exposition next year.

It is understood that prior to his start on his round-the-world trip Mr. Francis will take a trip to California. A cordial invitation has been extended to him to join the California Promotion Committee's special excursion to Portland, and under certain conditions he may be one of a number of notable guests on that occasion.

The other invitation is from the Portland Exposition management direct to Governor Francis.

President Francis stated yesterday that he had not received either invitation up to date.

Charged With Opening Package.
William H. Bailey, 15 years old, living with his parents at No. 147 North Thirtieth street, was arrested yesterday at the office of the Merchants' Express Company, at No. 411 North Sixth street, on a charge of breaking open an express package and stealing a pair of trousers valued at \$1. The boy was employed on a delivery wagon of the company. He was locked up. A warrant will be applied for to-day.

Schneider Hearing To-Day.
John A. Schneider, the youth who is charged with the murder of Charles Mitzberg, the saloonkeeper at Mississippi and Chouteau avenues on the morning of November 21, will have his preliminary hearing in the Court of Criminal Correction this morning, the case having been twice continued.

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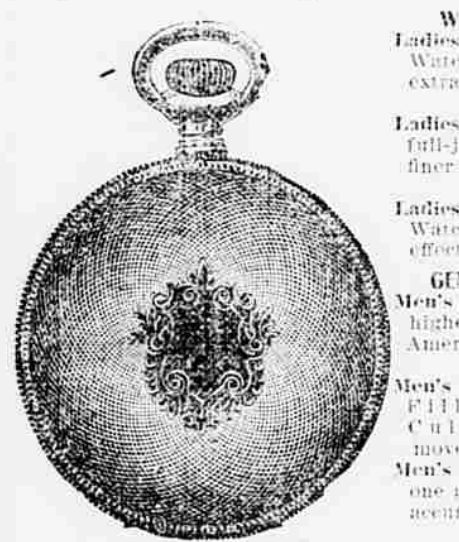
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TEXAS SHERIFF ASSASSINATED
Lured From Home in Early Morning by Telephone Call.

REPUBLICAN DEC. 21.—J. A. Baggett, Sheriff of Howard County, was assassinated at the Springs about daybreak this morning. A telephone call was sent to Baggett's home telling him a disturbance

was in progress at a saloon and asking that he go and quell it.

He hurried from his home, but on the way was fired on from ambush and his body from head to foot literally riddled with buckshot.

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Lace Curtains, while they last, per pair..... 40c
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